

Welcome to the Vance minute. I'm Joe B. Wiles with the Public Affairs Office...

It seems the men and women of Team Vance have a special love for their trees.

Earlier this year Vance was named a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 21st year in a row. Being named a Tree City says a lot for the base's commitment to community forestry.

Then, last week Vance was named a 2014 winner of the American Forest & Paper Association Paper Recycling award. The recycling folks at Vance were named the Community Winners in the Participation category. The American Forest and Paper Association award recognizes outstanding paper-recycling programs across the nation.

Just to give a perspective of the Vance efforts, more than 183 tons of paper was recycled in 2013.

And the recycling folks managed to get 100 percent of Team Vance members to participate, resulting in almost 85 percent of waste paper going to recycling instead of the landfill.

That's your Vance Minute...have a great Air Force day.